

# Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz

*Reports to the People of Wakefield*

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Serving the communities of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Norwood, Riverdale, Van Cortlandt Village, Wakefield, and Woodlawn

Dear Neighbor:

We recently concluded the 2025 legislative session with many accomplishments and some unfinished business. My colleagues and I passed numerous laws to improve the lives of New Yorkers, including my legislation to create a NYS Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate, and a budget that I believe we are very pleased with. But there are dark storm clouds on the horizon. The recent Reconciliation Bill narrowly passed by the extremist congressional majority and signed by Trump will grow the federal deficit by trillions – yes that’s trillions with a “T” – and make enormous cuts to health care in our country while providing enormous tax cuts for corporations and the super wealthy. This will undoubtedly have a huge impact on New York and on our budget.

More locally, we are in a constant battle to provide for the best quality of life for the neighborhoods of my district. That means addressing emergency issues such as a huge water main break. It means removing large vehicles, including trucks and RVs, from places where they don’t belong. Or fighting the City’s endless desire to remove parking spots from our streets. Or making sure landlords fix broken elevators and provide other required services. The list seems endless, but the important thing is for our neighbors to bring their issues of concern to our office so we can do our best to try to address them.

I had the pleasure of attending a number of the graduations from schools in my district. It’s so great seeing our young people successfully graduate after years of hard work and it’s delightful seeing their smiling faces – and those of their families. I can’t even count how many graduations I have attended over the years and the countless number of young people I have watched move on to the next phase of their lives, but this is part of what makes my job so rewarding.

My district office at 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue is here to serve you. We are open from 9:00-4:30 Monday through Friday (we close at 1:00 pm on Fridays during the summer) and my excellent staff are all terrific. We provide free notary service, and they’re all Notaries.

Have a great summer and stay cool.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Dinowitz  
Member of Assembly

## Voluntary Intoxication Exclusion Bill A.101

My bill, A.101, would prohibit the use of a victim’s voluntary intoxication as a defense in sexual assault cases. Currently, this loophole is used to discredit survivors and prevent them from seeking justice against their attacker. Closing this shameful loophole would send a clear message that New York hears and supports survivors. This piece of legislation is essential to New York making progress towards justice for survivors and protecting the many, many individuals that experience sexual assault each year. Although this legislation has not yet passed the Assembly, I will continue to work tirelessly until it does.



Assemblyman Dinowitz pictured speaking at a press conference in support of A.101 with Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, State Senator Nathalia Fernandez, and advocates of A.101.

## Honoring Detective Miosotis Familia

On the 8th Anniversary of Detective Miosotis Familia’s assassination, I joined our community is honoring the amazing life she had lived. When she was murdered in the line of duty, she left behind three children. Her children are still unable to receive all the benefits they should be entitled to, simply because their mother was unmarried at the time. This year, I fought to change the existing law, allowing the survivors of single, fallen NYPD members to receive benefits. I have been advocating for Detective Miosotis’ children, while working closely with her eldest daughter, Genesis, to pass legislation and fix the situation New York pension law has left them in. No family should have to go through the extra pain this situation has caused, and I will continue advocating for this law to be changed.



Assemblyman Dinowitz with Council Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, Congressman Ritchie Torres, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, Officers from the 46th Precinct, the children of Detective Miosotis Familia – Genesis, Peter, and Delilah, and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.

## Mask Legislation

Last Spring, I introduced legislation (A.3133) to address the growing issue of masked harassment. Essentially, the bill would have established “masked harassment” when a person wears a mask, or other face covering, that intentionally hides, or conceals, their face for the primary purpose of menacing, or threatening, another person or placing another person, or group of persons, in a reasonable fear for their safety. My legislation also included language that would exempt wearing masks for religious and/or health reasons. Unfortunately, there was some opposition to this. The State ended up passing a more modest law in the budget, which creates a penalty for wearing a mask while committing a crime or fleeing from a crime. Recently, due to the outrageous and egregious abuses perpetrated by ICE agents, there has

been legislation introduced to ban ICE agents from wearing masks. I believe that no one should wear a mask, whether it is someone protesting in favor of a terrorist group or an ICE agent disappearing people from our streets. However, I do not believe a standalone bill that only addresses ICE agents is strong enough. I believe anyone that opposed my bill, while supporting this new initiative, is nothing short of a hypocrite. People should not be wearing masks, aside from the exceptions previously mentioned and, in my opinion, masks are far too often used for ill intent. If someone wants to protest, that is their right, however they should be willing to be seen standing up for what they believe in. And those in law enforcement should show their faces and identities.



*Assemblyman Dinowitz partnered with Council Member Eric Dinowitz, the Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), FDN, the Department of Buildings (DOB) and property owner, Tishman Speyer to quickly address a huge water main break at 160 Van Cortlandt Park South. During construction at this site, a water main was damaged and resulted in extreme flooding, impacting the site and buildings in Kingsbridge and Riverdale causing a water outage. The issue was quickly addressed, and water service was restored after constituents reached out to the Assemblyman's office.*



*Assemblyman Dinowitz joined Association of Riverdale Cooperatives and Condominiums (ARC Board) Members; Seryl Ritter, Ed Yaker, Julia Engel, Ted Procas, Deena Spindler and Bill Weitz, Congressman Ritchie Torres and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson at the ARC annual dinner.*



*Assemblyman Dinowitz is pictured with the Paranoid Androids on Steroids (PAOS) robotics team from Salanter Akiba Riverdale (SAR) Academy in Albany for their annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEAM) Advocacy Day.*



*Assemblyman Dinowitz proudly participated in the Memorial Day Commemoration at the Woolworth Chapel, located in the Woodlawn Cemetery. This event was organized by New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey. Members from American Legion Post 19, the New York City Department of Veterans' Services, and Council Member Eric Dinowitz were in attendance.*

## Fighting For Tenants

My office has received an increase in the number of inquiries from constituents who seek assistance in addressing complaints and issues with their landlords. There has been a steady increase in the number of complaints regarding apartment repairs, rent disputes, lease renewals and landlords not responding to tenants. Several buildings in my district recently have had elevators out of service for prolonged periods of time and often landlords drag their feet to do the repairs. There are many difficulties that tenants experience in their buildings and our office attempts to communicate with landlords to assist tenants in resolving issues. My office also assists tenants by helping them become familiar with tenant rights and assists them in filing complaints with various city and state agencies. If anyone needs assistance with addressing housing concerns, such as a lack of repairs, overcharge complaints or other issues, please contact my office and we will try our best to assist you and inform you of available resources.

## We Must Fight Trump's Devastating Cuts to Medicaid

The so-called "Big Beautiful Bill," passed by the Congress, by the narrowest of margins, is now law. In truth, it is ugly and cruel. It will have devastating consequences for our communities. The bottom line is simple: To provide tax breaks to the rich and massively increase funding for ICE, this horrible law will take food away from children, rob us of our health care, make higher education less attainable and destroy hospitals. More than 2 million New Yorkers are expected to lose their current health insurance coverage, reversing the progress we've made to reduce the number of uninsured New Yorkers. Since hospitals still need to provide care to people regardless of whether they have insurance, this will drive up costs by an estimated \$3 billion per year. That means hospitals and providers could be forced to limit the services they offer, increase costs for us all, or go out of business entirely. Plus, billions in lost funding will cause hospital closures, especially in rural areas. Even in more populated areas, limited funding will cause the closure of hospital services like maternal and mental health care. Now, 300,000 households are projected to lose some of or all their SNAP benefits (food stamps), which provide food security, promote healthy eating, and support our local agricultural industry. The law also makes it more difficult for people to pursue higher education by slashing access to student loans by implementing caps lower than the average tuition, eliminating the existing income-driven repayment plans, and reducing deferrals. And it ends tax credits for electric vehicles and energy-efficient home improvements that help us save money while protecting our planet. The federal budget deficit will grow by trillions and trillions of dollars.

Why did they do this? They slashed programs and budgets that directly help everyday New Yorkers so they could use that money to extend tax cuts to the richest among us, build new immigration detention centers like "Alligator Alcatraz," and balloon ICE's budget to unprecedented levels. This horrible legislation will negatively impact not just every New Yorker, but every American. Millions of people should not be



*Bronx Assembly Majority Members joined in Albany to call on the US Senate to prevent the 2025 Budget Bill from passing. These Bronx Members remain united against the now passed budget bill that will defund hundreds of programs around the Country and lead to devastating consequences in New York. Pictured are Assembly Members George Alvarez, John Zaccaro Jr., Landon Dais, Chantel Jackson, Michael Benedetto, Karines Reyes, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Bronx Delegation Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz, Emérita Torres, and Yudelka Tapia.*

without life-saving health insurance. Families should not wonder where their next meal is coming from. Students should not have to forego a higher education because of their financial situation. And people should not worry about their local hospital shuttering its doors or providing diminished services. My colleagues and I will do everything in our power to prevent these horrible, destructive measures from decimating our neighborhoods, but let me be clear – it would be impossible for New York State to find enough money to make up for these federal cuts. New York families need relief, and Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" provides the exact opposite of that.



*Assemblyman Dinowitz attended the screening of "Wicked" at one of the outdoor movie nights, sponsored by Council Member Eric Dinowitz and the NYC Parks Department.*



*Assemblyman Dinowitz along with Council Member Eric Dinowitz and Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson at the fifth annual Juneteenth celebration, hosted by the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance in Van Cortlandt Park.*

## Graduation Ceremonies Throughout the District

Among the most wonderful events I attend each year are school graduations. It is so heartwarming seeing the big smiles on the faces of the graduates – and their proud family members. Graduations represent the successful culmination of many years of hard work by the students, but also of their families, teachers, and all school personnel.

This year, I was able to attend a number of the graduations in every neighborhood of my district, where I presented a community service award to a deserving student in each school. What great young people we have in our community.





Community Board 12 hosted a legislative breakfast and retirement celebration for Ursula Greene after 30 amazing years of service on Community Board 12. Ursula was honored by Assemblyman Dinowitz, Congressman Ritchie Torres, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Council Member Kevin Riley, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, and New York State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey.

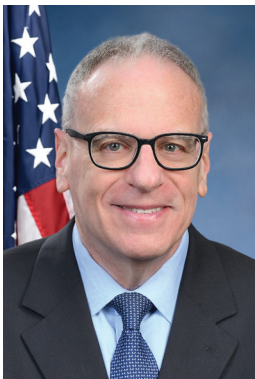


The MTA has announced plans to renovate and improve three Metro North stations in the Bronx, one of them being the Woodlawn station. Assemblyman Dinowitz was a strong advocate for these renovations, making this station accessible for all and is happy to support this long-awaited project. The renovations to the Woodlawn station include two new elevators, new foundation and piers, internal snow-melting systems, stairway replacements and platform upgrades. The new renovations will give the Woodlawn station all the components customers need for a smooth, accessible, stress-free commute. Assemblyman Dinowitz joined MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber, New York Senator Jamaal T. Bailey, Council Member Eric Dinowitz and MTA Staff at the official groundbreaking ceremony for this project.



Seniors in Wakefield enjoyed music and lunch outdoors at the Regional Aid for Interim Needs Inc (R.A.I.N) annual resource fair. Participants received assistance with medical, financial, and recreational programs designed to benefit seniors in their everyday life. Assemblyman Dinowitz spoke with local groups and constituents in attendance.

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Assemblyman Dinowitz was joined by students from his alma mater, The Bronx High School of Science, in Albany. Students learned about the legislative process, how they can become an active member in their community, and were introduced on the floor of the Assembly.

